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Ritchie Declares That He Firmly Believes That Welsh Will Never Give Him a Chance to Regain the World's Lightweight Title.

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WILLIE RITCHIE, home from London, says that Freddie Welsh will probably never give him a chance to regain his lightweight title. It is the firm opinion of the former champion that Welsh doesn't want to fight him again.

"Those agreements Welsh says he will insist on when we fight again are all jokes," said Ritchie after his arrival. "If Welsh insists I do 133 pounds let him make that demand of every one else he meets. I tipped 134 for the Olympia fight. Welsh, with a great effort, did 133. Where does he figure demanding I weigh 133 for a return match? Welsh wants to make a side bet of \$25,000 when we meet again. Bunk! He hasn't got that financial backing."

"I am more than willing to fight Welsh once more. In two months I'll be ready for anyone, Charlie Welsh preferred. I am going to take a short rest and then prepare for a busy winter."

Willie was certain he should have received nothing worse than a draw for the battle he made with Welsh. "They're strong for points on the other side," continued Ritchie, relating how he lost his title. "It's a point lost if you back three steps or miss a punch. Aggressive fighters for nothing. In the last round Welsh weakened and covered up to save himself. He kept going in some mysterious manner. He bent over so I couldn't get a chance to land a punch."

RITCHIE had only mild criticism for Referee Corri for his decision giving Welsh the championship on points. The American title holder said Corri was an honorable ring official, the best in England, but he tried to do the impossible by pleasing everyone. To substantiate his assertion Ritchie drew a picture of the referee in the Olympic club immediately after the finish of his fight with Welsh.

"When the final bell sounded," said Ritchie, "Corri walked away to one side of the ring. I went to my corner, Welsh to his. In a few seconds the ring filled with friends of Welsh who cheered down from the galleries and beat heavily on their cans. They all cheered loudly for Welsh. There was bedlam in the ring. I walked over to Corri and said 'I want to win.' It was about two minutes after the final bell had rung. The celebration around Welsh was still going on. For answer, Corri waved a hand toward Welsh and said 'I want to win.' I shouted 'Does he win?' and Corri simply shook his head. After this Corri jumped from the ring. In one of the earlier three ring fights, they thought I won. Bravo, congratulations, old chap," was Welsh greeting, told them Welsh won and they hardly believed it."

RITCHIE stated that pictures of the fight showed Corri made a wrong decision. The former champion said he was anxious to bring the fight to this country, but the authorities would not let him leave England with them.

According to Willie, the Ritchie-Welsh fight wasn't a financial success. There was only \$21,000 in the gate, and the promoters had to dig out for nearly \$15,000 to cover expenses. A week before this Colin Bell and Bombardeo Wells, two second rate heavies, attracted a \$24,000 house. The Carpenter-Smith battle drew \$60,000, which all made Willie believe that the English public was not especially keen to see him mix with Welsh.

Ritchie says Carpenter is the lion of the hour on the other side. "He is a hero wherever he goes," went on Ritchie. "When he comes to London to train for the Gunboat Smith battle a big crowd met him at the station, whisked the horses from his carriage and the Frenchman's admirers followed him through the streets to the hotel. Picture that happening over here?" said Willie. "We couldn't get by the widest stretch of imagination."

Ritchie was in Paris at the time of the Carpenter-Smith battle. This was a beginning of a trip that carried the American champion through France and Germany, and especially to the birthplace of his parents at Luxembourg.

The Californian was very sorry he didn't see the much discussed fight. He didn't care to criticize Referee Corri's action in disqualifying Smith, but believed it gave general satisfaction on the other side.

The former champion felt certain he never went across again for another fight he would train for about three months to get well acclimated to the English weather and water.

Ritchie said he was well treated abroad, but that Englishmen are stronger for their home champions. They make a visitor feel that they have nothing trivial will happen to him.

Willie brought home a four month old British bull terrier, a present from William Preston. He has very decided plans how the dog will be brought up. Will he be taught to fight? Nix. Willie announced that he'd do all the fighting for the Ritchie-Steffens family.

WHAT ARE OUR IDLE FIGHTERS DOING?



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Griggs, H.	0	2	12	0	0	0
Evans, H.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hofman, B.	0	1	4	3	0	0
Westerall, B.	0	0	1	1	0	0
Holt, S.	0	1	2	1	0	0
Land, C.	0	0	4	4	0	0
Seaton, C.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chapelle, P.	0	0	1	3	0	0
Juul, P.	0	0	0	1	0	0
Shaw, P.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.	2	6	27	14	1	0

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ST. LOUIS.

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H. Miller, H.	1	2	7	1	0
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Bridwell, B.	0	2	1	0	0
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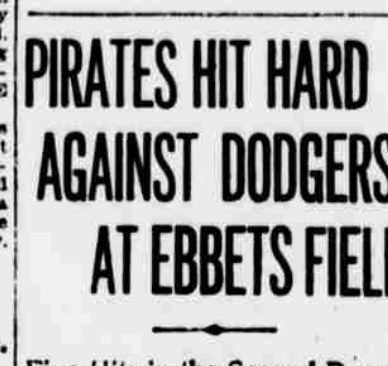
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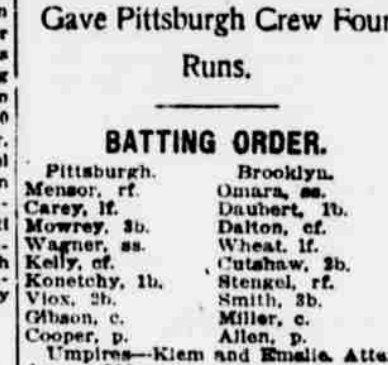
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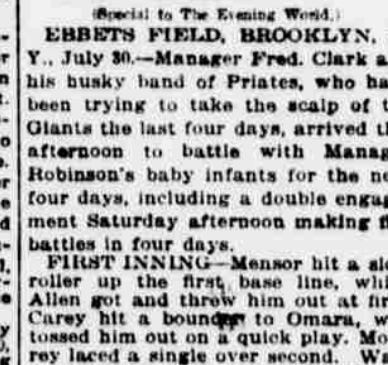
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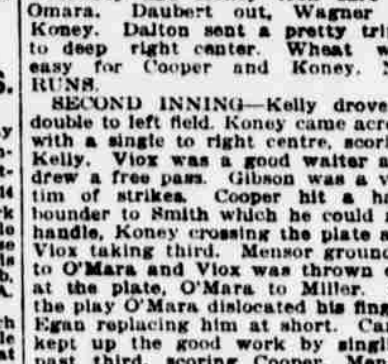
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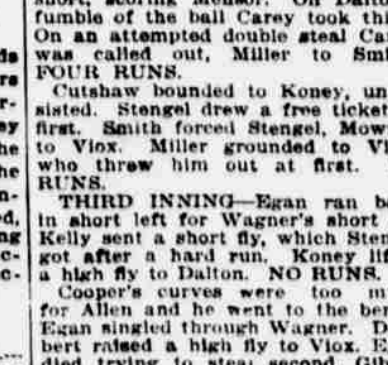
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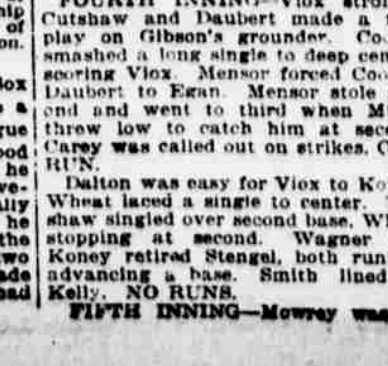
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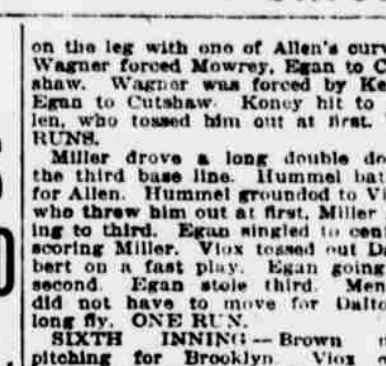
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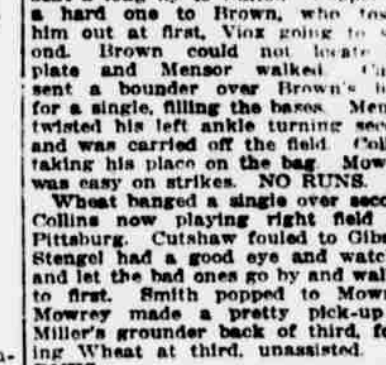
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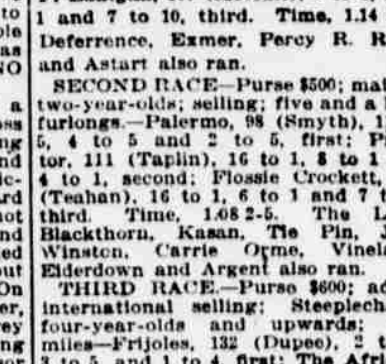
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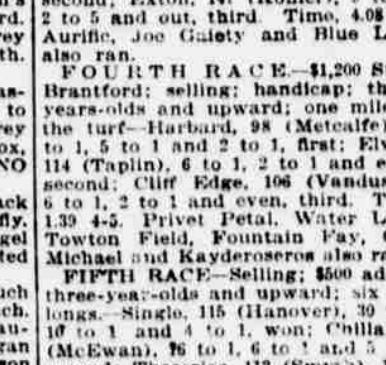
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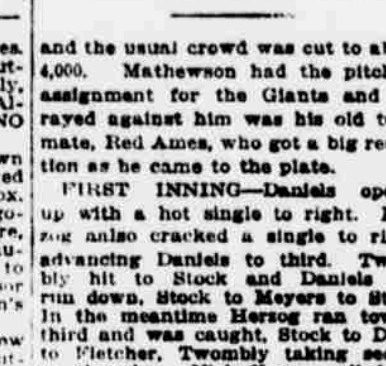
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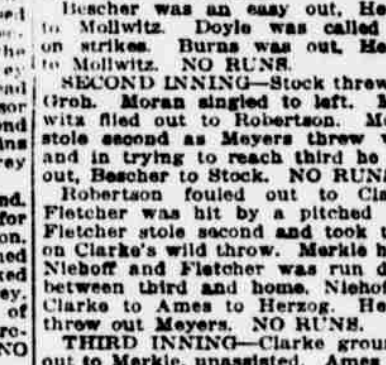
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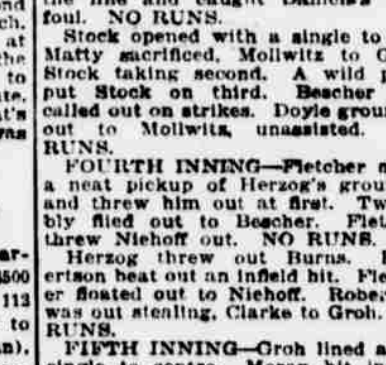
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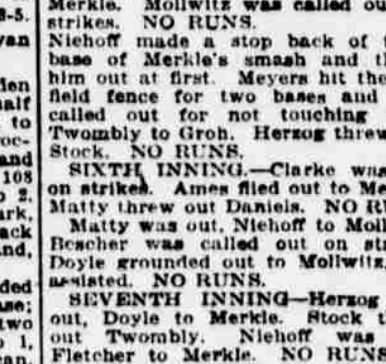
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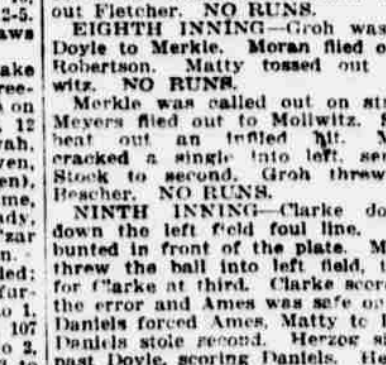
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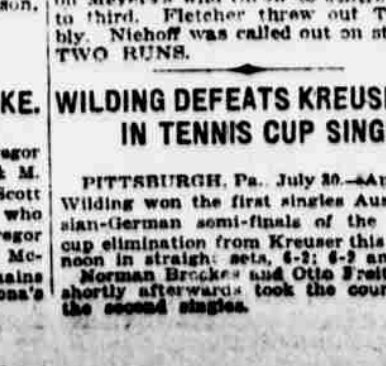
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